



AGENDA ITEM #8.1

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

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Subject: Body Worn Cameras

Report: The Pequot Lakes Police Department has received inquiries regarding the implementation of Body Worn Cameras (BWCs). BWCs are cameras worn by the police officers that document contact between officers and citizens.

There are three phases prior to implementation of BWCs.

1. Department receives inquiry.
2. Council allows for public comment. In accordance with MN Statutes, the Council must allow for public comment at a regular City Council Meeting.
3. Department allows public comment and input when developing BWC policies.

Should the Police Department move forward with purchasing BWCs, a single unit will be initially purchased for the newest squad car. Six additional cameras will be purchased between 2019 and 2020 utilizing forfeiture funds.

Council Action Requested: Council allows for public comment about the potential implementation of the Body Worn Camera policies.